

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

LPCC LICENSURE PATHWAY OVERVIEW

	Grandparenting Path		Traditional Path ¹			
	Non-CA Licensed Applicant ²	CA MFT or LCSW Applicant	In-State	Out-of-State ³		
				Non-License Holder	Licensed <u>less than 2 years</u>	Licensed <u>at least 2 years</u>
Education	1. Qualifying degree with 48 semester units or 72 quarter units ⁴ ; seven of the nine core content areas ⁵ ; must complete all core content areas before licensure 2. Specified additional coursework ⁶ ; 3. Six semester units or nine quarter units of supervised practicum ⁷	1. Qualifying degree with seven of the nine core content areas ⁵ ; must complete all core content areas before licensure. 2. Six semester units or nine quarter units of supervised practicum ⁷	1. Qualifying degree with seven of the nine core content areas; must complete all core content areas before licensure; 2. Specified Additional coursework; 3. 12 semester units or 18 quarter units of advanced coursework ⁸ ; 4. Six semester units or nine quarter units of supervised practicum.	1. Qualifying degree; must complete all core content areas before licensure. 2. Specified Additional Coursework; 3. 12 semester units or 18 quarter units of advanced coursework ⁸ ; 4. Six semester units or nine quarter units of supervised practicum.	1. Qualifying degree; must complete all core content areas before licensure. 2. Specified Additional Coursework; 3. 12 semester units or 18 quarter units of advanced coursework ⁸ ; 4. Six semester units or nine quarter units of supervised practicum.	1. Qualifying degree; must complete all core content areas before licensure. 2. Specified Additional Coursework; 3. 12 semester units or 18 quarter units of advanced coursework ⁸ ; 4. Six semester units or nine quarter units of supervised practicum.

¹ Applicants beginning graduate study before August 1, 2012. Refer to Business and Professions Code section (BPC) 4999.33 for qualifications for applicants beginning coursework after August 1, 2012.

² This path includes applicants with: an out-of-state license; out-of-state experience; and in-state experience.

³ Licensure requirements for out-of-state applicants change January 1, 2014.

⁴ Degrees issued prior to 1996 shall include a minimum of 30 semester units or 45 quarter units

⁵ Degree issued prior to 1996 must have at least six of the nine core content areas.

⁶ Additional Coursework pursuant to BPC 4999.32(e) includes courses in substance abuse, human sexuality, psychopharmacology, partner abuse, child abuse long term care, crisis counseling, and California law and ethics.

⁷ Degrees issued prior to 1996 shall include three semester units or four and one-half quarter units of practicum.

⁸ Advanced Coursework pursuant to BPC (c)(2) "...to develop knowledge of specific treatment issues, special populations, application of counseling constructs, assessment and treatment planning, clinical interventions, therapeutic relationships, psychopathology, or other clinical topics."

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Experience	1,700 supervised experience hours	none	3,000 post degree hours of specified supervised experience	1. 3,000 post degree hours of specified supervised experience; 2. 250 hours of supervised experience within California while registered as an intern with the Board ⁹	1. 3,000 post degree hours of specified supervised experience; 2. 250 hours of supervised experience within California while registered as an intern with the Board ⁹	3,000 post degree hours of specified supervised experience.
Examination	1. National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification OR the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination 2. National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination 3. CA Law & Ethics	Gap Exam	1. CA Law & Ethics 2. National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination	1. CA Law & Ethics 2. National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination	1. CA Law & Ethics 2. National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination	1. CA Law & Ethics 2. National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination

⁹ The 250 hours may be counted towards the required 3,000 postdegree hours of experience.